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IMPORTANT INFORMATION SESSION ON STATE GRANT PROGRAMS COMING ON AUGUST 17TH

Commonwealth Capital Funds

Ten state grant programs will be affected by the Romney Administration's *Commonwealth Capital* application requirements now in effect. From now on, state grant programs will give greater consideration to applications from communities that consider "smart growth" and planning issues. Learn:

- What programs are affected
- What application criteria will be most important
- How you can compete effectively for state funding

Priority Development Fund

To help achieve the state's affordable housing goals, MassHousing will make available \$3 million in planning assistance through the Priority Development Fund (PDF). The goal of the PDF Planning Assistance funds is to increase the supply of housing in the Commonwealth by encouraging community-based planning that will lead directly to housing production. This introductory presentation will explain how funds may be used to assist communities with planning, zoning, & implementation activities for housing production.

Learn more about these important programs:

Tuesday, August 17, 2004, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
J. Christian Edwards Municipal Office Building
Second Floor Auditorium, 26 Central Street
West Springfield, MA

Kurt Gaertner of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs's Sustainable Development Team will join us to explain these new programs and to answer questions about them.

Hosted by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)

For more information:

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Contact Kurt Gaertner, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs at 617/626-1154*
